



GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CITIZENS (GACEC)
Leadership Committee Meeting
5:30 PM, March 7, 2023
VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Cavalier, Ann Fisher, Tika Hartsock, Molly Merrill, Beth Mineo, Jennifer Pulcinella, Trenee Parker, Erika Powell and Erik Warner

STAFF PRESENT: Pam Weir/Executive Director

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- I. Call to order:** This meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Vice Chair, Erik Warner. A quorum of the Leadership Committee was present, which represented more than 50 percent of persons with a disability or parents of children with disabilities.

- II. Administrative Actions:** Trenee Parker made a motion to approve the March Leadership Committee meeting agenda with an amendment. Tika Hartsock seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. Jennifer Pulcinella made a motion to approve the February Leadership Committee meeting minutes, with Trenee Parker seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Leadership Committee discussed how to deal with attendance. Jennifer Pulcinella recommended having the Chair of a Committee reach out to members who are out of compliance before having Boards and Commissions reach out. Pam will draft a process for this based on the discussion and share it with the Leadership Committee.

- III. Old Business:** Discussion took place about the ICC letter. Molly Merrill spoke to the Committee about comments that were made by Bill Doolittle regarding what he perceived as inaccuracies of the ICC's letter. After reviewing Bill's feedback, the ICC did not see a need to change their letter. Trenee Park agreed with Al Cavalier that it would be highly unlikely that the legislation is repealed, and we may want to focus our efforts on further delaying the transition of Part C to DDOE. Beth Mineo suggested that legislation could require the development of some milestones and metrics so as the status of the transition evolves, stakeholders can see what the preparedness looks like. Jennifer Pulcinella made a motion to draft a letter to DDOE asking for a Part C Transition Plan, an explanation of how they will avoid the three deficiencies that OSEP sited and the DDOE's response to the OSEP questions and in

addition to a request for someone to speak at our March Meeting to provide a status update. Al Cavalier seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- IV. **New Business:** Discussion took place regarding the Inclusion Status Paper. The Leadership Committee would like to have Jamie Walko come and speak at a Council meeting. Pam will follow up about this at the next meeting. The Leadership Committee also reviewed ways to ensure that Council members know when and how to clarify when they are or are not representing the GACEC and the importance of sharing information from other Committees that members serve on. We will continue to discuss this at the next Leadership Committee meeting.
- V. **February General Membership Meeting Agenda Items:** Tika Hartsock suggested that we hear more from Dale Matusевич about summer learning opportunities. Tika also mentioned that Amy Roe and Sarah Bucic, from Lead-Free Delaware, would be available to present at the March GACEC meeting. Tika Hartsock made a motion to invite Amy Roe and Sarah Bucic to present at the end of the March GACEC meeting. Ann Fisher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

New Action Items:

- Reach out to Amy Roe and Sarah Bucic to present at the March GACEC meeting- Pam Weir
- Draft a process for addressing member absences and share with Leadership Committee- GACEC Staff
- Continue discussion on Leadership Committee meeting times, inclusion status paper and sharing information from outside committees with the GACEC- next Leadership Committee Meeting

Action Items Carried Forward from Previous Board Meetings:

- Continue to reach out to GACEC members who have not yet logged into their state email and continue to work through technical issues with Teams- GACEC Staff
- Improve plan for supporting newly appointed members- GACEC Leadership Committee/GACEC Staff
- Find ways to increase communication regarding updates from each Issues Committees- GACEC Leadership Committee/GACEC staff
- Work on the prison education piece of our mandate- Pam Weir and ATS Committee

- Disseminate membership survey once finalized- further discuss what format the survey will be sent in- Membership Committee
- Establish an official policy that clarifies what is expected during a public comment period- formulate a blurb to be read prior that describes our role as the GACEC and that we are not able to assist with individual cases and give the time allowance for speaking- Pam Weir and Ann Fisher
- Follow-up on membership vetting issue via Boards and Commissions- Pam and Membership Committee